

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 21 October 2014

Decision No: (CAB 14/15 13605)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY
AUTHOR:	Simon Rowberry

THE DECISION

That Cabinet approve the revised Planning Enforcement Policy, attached as Appendix 1.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is necessary to have a comprehensive and up to date Planning Enforcement Policy in place to ensure that:

- Clear policies and procedures are in place for planning enforcement
- Complaints received are prioritised, investigated, their progress monitored and resolved in a timely manner
- Enforcement decisions are executed within statutory and legal timeframes
- Staff are appropriately trained and qualified

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Cabinet agreed to remove the bold formatting in paragraph 4.2 of the policy.

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, meeting held on 16th October 2014 recommended that the Planning Enforcement Policy enabled recurring and cumulative breaches to be taken into consideration when enforcement action was determined. This was accepted by Cabinet.

The Committee also recommended that the use of letters threatening Section 215 notices be increased and that this role should not be undertaken by specialist Enforcement Officers. Cabinet cautioned issuing too many Section 215 notices and suggested a review of how many had been issued before any decision to increase was made.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Pat Wood

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 29 October 2014

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*